GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA

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MINIMUM WAGES
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that certain industries in Delhi are not paying the minimum wages to their workers and the Labour Courts have failed in discharging their duty of enforcing the labour laws;

(b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor and the steps proposed to be taken to ensure that the various labour laws are strictly implemented; and

(c) the details of the action taken by the Government during the last three years in connection with non-payment of the minimum wages?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT(SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO)

(a) to (c): There have been instances of non-payment of statutory minimum wages by certain establishments in Delhi. The enforcement of the Minimum Wages Act, 1948 in Delhi is secured in respect of scheduled employments in State and Central spheres by the Government of National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi and the Chief Labour Commissioner (Central) respectively, whereas the Labour Courts only adjudicate the matters referred to them. Statements indicating the enforcement of the Act in Delhi during last three years in State and Central spheres are given at Annexures-I & II respectively.

Annexure-I

STATEMENT INDICATING ENFORCEMENT OF MW ACT IN THE STATE SPHERE OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI DURING LAST THREE YEARS

Year	Complaints Insp-ection		Irregularities		No. of workers	Amount got paid
	Rece-ived	Disp-osed of	carried out	Dete-cted	Rect-ified	Prosec-utions launched	benefited	(in lakh Rs.)
2002	9167	8886	8546	4946	4121	939	2326	127.77
2003	7270	6969	7245	4747	3723	859	2992	64.94
2004	8583	8377	8101	6460	4880	1223	3497	131.71

ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT INDICATING ENFORCEMENT OF MW ACT IN THE CENTRAL SPHERE IN DELHI REGION DURING LAST THREE YEARS

S.No.		2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
1	No. of inspections made	453	396	486
2.	No. of Irregularities detected	4548	3724	4390
3.	No. of claim cases pending	81	75	48

4. No. of claim cases filed	64	110	84
5 No. of claim cases decided	70	137	72
6 No. of prosecution cases pending	778	919	952
7 No. of prosecution cases filed	247	287	280
8 No. of prosecution cases decided	106	254	85
9. Amount of compensation awarded (in lakh rupees)	7.93	11.14	6.72
10 Total amount of fine imposed (in lakh rupees)	3.04	2.65	6.75